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E. O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: 1973 CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH BISENGIMANA HE
RAISED QUESTION OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING BEING
HELD IN KINSHASA AND ASKED IF U. S. GOVERNMENT WAS
HOLDING OUT FOR PARIS AS SITE. I INDICATED WE HAD
RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM IBRD OR DEPARTMENT.

2. BISENGIMANA SUGGESTED HE HAD HEARD THAT ELEMENTS
IN WASHINGTON PORE INSISTING ON PARIS FOR REASONS
WHICH WERE NOT CLEAR AND CAUSING SOME CONCERN TO GOZ.
I POINTED OUT THAT ONE REASON IBRD SEEMED PREFER
HOLD MEETING IN PARIS WAS TRAVEL CONVENIENCE FOR TOP
CONSULTATIVE OFFICIALS WHO WERE OBLIGED ATTEND SCORE
SUCH MEETINGS DURING YEAR . WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR
THESE OFFICIALS TO TRAVEL TO EACH COUNTRY HAVING CONSULTA-
TIVE GROUP ARRANGEMENT.

3. BISENGIMANA SUGGESTED BANK' S RATIONALE WOULD PROVE
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN CASE OF ZAIRE SINCE ONLY HANDFUL OF
GOZ OFFICIALS COULD ATTEND PARIS SESSION DUE PRESS GOVERN-
MENT BUSINESS HERE. AS A CONSEQUENCE REAL POSSIBILITY
THAT SOME SIGNIFICANT ISSUES WHICH BANK WILL WANT TO RAISE
WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED BY GOZ ATTENDEES IN ANY AUTHORITA-
TIVE FASHION.

4. ANOTH DRAWBACK TO PARIS VENUE ACCORDING TO
BISENGIMANA IS INCONGRUITY OF BACKDROP FOR SERIOUS
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DELIBERATIONS ON THEME OF DEVELOPMENT. LIKELIHOOD
IS BETTER THAT CONSULTATIVE MEMBERS WILL FEEL MORE
URGENTLY THE NEED FOR FORMULATION OF REALISTIC DEVELOP-
MENT STRATEGIES IF THEIR MEETING HELD IN KINSHASA SETTING.

5. URGE DEPARTMENT ASSIST BANK IN SORTING OUT THIS ISSUE.
LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING SHOULD COMMENCE SHORTLY.
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